

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THIRTEENTH YEAR FUNDING UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013-14 FROM THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

#### SUBJECT

Authority to apply for continuation funding, and accept FY 2013-14 funds from the Board of State and Community Corrections in the estimated amount of \$28,000,000. The funding, which may be modified based on the final State budget, represents the thirteenth year allocation.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the County of Los Angeles Application for Continuation Funding, submit final documents to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) by May 1, 2013, and make subsequent non-substantive program modifications, if needed.
- 2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept thirteenth year Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding for FY 2013-14 estimated at \$28,000,000 from the BSCC, and to make non-substantive modifications to the FY 2013-14 allocations if the funding amount changes when the final State budget is adopted.
- 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to execute any amendments or extensions to existing contracts consistent with the Plan modification for the purpose of continuing programs implemented under the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (Plan) developed by the Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

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- 4. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate, execute, and/or extend current agreements with various government agencies to provide services consistent with the Plan modification, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.
- 5. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to utilize any interest or unspent JJCPA funds available in FY 2013-14 on qualifying JJCPA expenses.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain Board approval to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to apply for and accept JJCPA funding to continue the implementation of the Plan for a thirteenth year. The BSCC requires that the County of Los Angeles Probation Department's (Probation) Application for FY 2013-14 JJCPA Funding (Application) be submitted to them by May 1, 2013. The recommended actions will also delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate, execute, and/or extend current agreements with these agencies and organizations to continue these efforts, as required in the Plan. In addition, the Chief Probation Officer will be authorized to utilize interest and unspent JJCPA funds available in FY 2013-14 on allowable JJCPA expenses.

The Plan is the result of a multi-agency effort of the JJCC. The Plan was originally approved by the State Board of Corrections (now known as the BSCC), and implemented following approval by your Board on March 20, 2001. Consistent with the State Board of Corrections' requirements, the JJCC has continued to meet to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Plan.

FY 2013-14 JJCPA funding for Probation estimated at \$28,000,000, however, until the Legislature sends the Governor a budget, the BSCC cannot guarantee or identify specifics regarding the FY 2013-14 funding amount for JJCPA. Funding allocations may change due to legislative action on the Governor's proposed budget. Probation will make the necessary adjustments in the event of a reduction or increase in funding for FY 2013-14.

## Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness and Goal #3, Integrated Services Delivery, as Probation continues to evaluate the JJCPA funded services based on results.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

FY 2013-14 JJCPA funding for Probation is estimated at \$28,000,000 pending its approval of the County's Application for Continuation Funding. In the event of funding changes, the necessary adjustments will be made to the JJCPA programs. There is no match requirement or net County cost associated with the Plan. The County must adhere to JJCPA requirements regarding the expenditure of said funds.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 20, 2001, your Board authorized the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the Plan and apply to the State Board of Corrections for Crime Prevention Act of 2000 funding, now known as JJCPA. The County's initial allocation was \$34,917,974. Senate Bill 736 (Poochigian–Burton) addresses the

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future of JJCPA and authorized the State Board of Corrections to fund participating counties for FY 2002-2003. For FY 2013-14, Probation's estimated allocation, pending the adoption of a final budget by the State and BSCC's approval of the Application and Plan Modification, is \$28,000,000.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This funding will allow for the continued implementation of the Plan that addresses the critical problem of mental health needs of probationers, provides community-level prevention and intervention strategies that target high-risk neighborhoods, and focuses on achieving school success for probationers and at-risk youth. These services are currently provided through the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

JERRY E. POWERS

**Chief Probation Officer** 

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